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FIVE-CENT MAIL APRIL 1st

(Ottawa Journal, Dec. 9th)

A one-cent increase in general postal rates, effective next April 1, was announced in the House Tuesday by Finance Minister Abbott.

He said the 5-day week together with increased Civil Service pay and increasing general costs were responsible.

The existing postal rates are four cents for the first ounce on mail going outside a city, with two cents for each succeeding ounce. The first-ounce rate now would become five cents.

Mr. Abbott announced that, when the new rates come into effect, all first-class mail will be carried by air if that will speed up delivery.

"The Government accordingly has decided to recommend these adjustments in first class postal rates effective April 1:

1—"General increase of one cent an ounce over existing rates.

2—"Application of the drop-letter rate to rural routes as in city and town deliveries.

3—"Reduction of the domestic air mail rate from seven to five cents; rates outside Canada unchanged."

Merry Christmas Everyone!

SECRET DATES

Dear Mr. McCready:—

Answering your letter of the 26th re Secret dates, Ottawa seems to have made this standard practice now. Working backwards. On the last stamp, the 50c Textile it is at the extreme Lower Right corner. The Coronation—in the LL just above the left Maple Leaf. On the new Queen's —extreme LR. 4c Sheep—just below the cross bar of the '4'. 3c Moose—extreme bottom of the chest. 2c Bear —extreme bottom at the left side of his head. $1.00 Totem—LL just above the 'C' of Canada. 7c Goose (new)—extreme LL. 4c Mackenzie—bottom of right lapel as you look at the stamp. 3c Abbot—extreme LR on coat sleeve. 4c Red Cross—LL above and to the left of the 'IN' in International. 20c Paper Industry—extreme LR. And so on. Latterly, they don't seem to try and make them very secret as regards dates, and E. Hahn, seems to get his 'H' in where he was responsible for the design.—H. G. Saxton.

An Island a Day

Allen Kay in his column in Philatelic Magazine notes that in the Torres Strait between Australia and New Guinea there are islands named after the days of the week from Monday to Friday, thus affording topical PMK's. for collectors of such.

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New stamp catalogs from dealers have been received as follows:

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Any of above are recommended for those interested in the stamps they deal with.

PHILATELIC SECTION MAIL

An interesting exchange of letters between Major D. C. MacMillan of London, Ont., and the Philatelic Section deals with the use of meter cancel postage on parcels from the Department. The Major would desire adhesive stamps but the Section feels that the patrons would rather have the postage paid by the Department, irrespective of whether stamps or meter are used. Several years ago the Department operated similar to the U.S. Department by requiring patrons to prepay postage. This resulted in confusion as the patron would be unaware of the correct amount of postage for large parcels. That they also do not return the patron's order envelope with the stamps thereon like the U.S. is explained in that they file these for reference, and that it is their opinion that the stamps on a majority of these envelopes are of the very ordinary type and of little value.

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A Christmas Fantasy

(or a Bad Night with a Rarebit)

Editor's Note:—We don't recall going in for fiction in previous issues of P.S. but it being Christmas, with its dreams of Santa Claus, and our old friend, A. K. McMartin, of Vancouver, coming up with the following we're letting you have it with our compliments.

The week before Christmas I had received a letter from my Nephew in Ottawa stating that he had expressed me a small trunk that had once belonged to my Great Grandmother who had willed it to me. It seems to have been overlooked the past seventy-five years in the attic of the old home the family had lived in for nearly two centuries. Now that my nephew was moving to his new residence in Sandy Hill the trunk was unearthed as they cleaned out the old place, and was on its way to me.

In his letter he stated he did not know if it was worth the cost of the express charges but as my name was on it he thought probably I would like it for sentimental reasons and instead of turning it over to some church salvage firm he had sent it along. I did not give it much thought until Christmas Eve. when I went to bed after our office party and could not sleep on account of the Welsh rarebit and the fermented drinks I had consumed in some quantities. When I went downstairs on Christmas morning long before any of the family were up. There was the trunk in the hall where it had been delivered the night before. I wondered how I had missed seeing it when I came home, much less having missed stumbling over it as it was in the very center of the hallway.

I took it into my stamp room to open. It was locked and there was no key with it so I had to use a screwdriver on the old hinges which held on the lid. When I got it open old newspapers yellow with age, were the first items to come to light. Under these a bundle of letters tied with pink ribbon. I quickly opened the package to find six stampless covers of various dates and from four different places. However, covers were never my strong forte so I dug further into the box with shaking fingers. Next to come to light was an old scrap book. Inside the front cover, on the very first page, was a perfect block of Canada No. 3, the famous 12 penny black. I almost fainted. It was a corner, upper left, with wide margins on two sides and plenty of space to spare on the other two sides, and a big number 1 on the top margin. Was it a plate block I wondered? (Decided to get this off to Jim Sissons immediately after the holiday for his expert opinion and valuation). I was almost too excited to turn to the next page. When I recovered my breath and turned over the leaf there in front of my bulging eyes was a full sheet of Canada No. 1, the 3 penny imperforate mint in superb condition. I almost doubted my eyesight. Could it be true? I pinched myself and it hurt so I knew it could not be a dream (or was it!). On page three a row of eight mint No.2, the 6 penny gray stared at me. On the third stamp from the left, Prince Albert was wearing a monocle on his right eye. This was truly a find, a hitherto undiscovered variety. I would wire Aubrey Kelson as soon as the telegraph offices opened.

Feverishly I turned over another page to discover 20 mint No. 7, the 10 penny blue, in many different shades. On the first stamp on the page, the stamp was encased in a thin sheet of mica, Jacques Cartier was smoking a Players cigarette. Imagine that! I knew it was a Players because I examined it with my magnifying glass and read the name very plainly on the cigarette itself. Another unknown variety!

I was now ready for anything so, when I turned over another page and found a full sheet of No. 10, the 6 penny reddish purple on thick, soft wove paper catalogued at $1,000 each, well: I thought you are just another millionaire so why be so excited! On examining the sheet, which was full O.G. like all the others, I noticed another glaring discovery on every second stamp in the second row vertically. The Prince was cock-

eyed. He looked in worse condition than I had been in the night before. He was really cockeyed, so I will have to tell Aubrey we now have a cockeyed Prince to add to our cockeyed King variety.

Anyway, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year all you stamp collectors.—A. K. McM.

Newfoundland Column

THE 5c CARIBOO STAMP OF NEWFOUNDLAND

By M. W. Cryderman

The classification of the 5c Cariboo stamp has been attended with some confusion and some cataloguists have not yet straightened it out. The stamp was first issued Jan. 1, 1932, in the Industrial Series, and continued in use until Newfoundland joined Canada in 1949, when it was superseded by the equivalent denomination of Canada.

It was recess printed by Perkins, Bacon and Co., brown violet in colour, comb perforated 13½, on medium white wove paper, watermarked Coat of Arms. It is also known in imperforate condition.

A distinctly different shade then appeared, very deep violet, but in two different dies. The increased use of the 5c value necessitated the preparation of new plates and for some reason a new die was used in the preparation thereof. The new die was slightly larger in width but the difference was so small that this is not a reliable method of distinguishing between them. Nor do the hairs under the tail serve much better. The best way is to observe the difference in height of the prongs of the antlers. In the original die the prongs pointing to T and S are even and in the new die the one pointing to T is taller than the other. Die 1 is the scarcer and it is also found imperforate.

During the War a paler shade of violet appeared on thinner paper than heretofor, comb perforated 13½, die 1, the original die. This was followed by the same die, shade and paper, line perforated 12½.

Check List

1. 5c Brown violet, die 1, comb perf. 13½.
2. Imperforate.
3. 5c Deep violet, die 1, comb perf. 13½.
4. Imperforate.
5. 5c Deep violet, die 11, comb perf. 13½.
6. 5c Pale violet, die 1, comb perf. 13½.
7. 5c Pale violet, die 1, line perf. 12½.

Authorities: Boggs, etc.

WESTMOUNT STAMP CLUB

The Westmount Stamp Club raised a further sum of $377 at their auction on November 19th, for the benefit of the Westminster Abbey Appeal, making with the proceeds of $387 from the previous week's sale a total of $764. The Rt. Hon. Lord Shaughnessy auctioned off the first lot and congratulated the club on their efforts on behalf of the Abbey. The guest speaker was introduced by Mr. W. W. Gear the club's vice-president.

Lord Shaughnessy in the course of his address said that having had the great privilage of attending the Coronation of Her Majesty last June and feeling tremendous spirit exhibited by the peoples of the Commonwealth in that Ceremony, it was very gratifying to see the members of the club supporting the Westminster Abbey Appeal in this very practical manner. The first lot was a beautiful album designed for Canada's Coronation stamp the work of Mr. H. G. Teal, who also donated several other attractive pages which were sold for the fund.

The auctioneers were Mr. Louis A. Sendel, Mr. J. E. Pickering and Mr. H. C. K. Organ. The lot donated by the boys at the Shawbridge Farm and Training School was bought by Mr. Sendel who generously gave the stamps to several youngsters who were at the auction.

The Westmount Junior Stamp Club also held auctions for the Westminster Abbey Appeal and have raised a total sum of $19.25.

M. W. Cryderman's British American Stamp News, Bissett, Man., is to hand for November 15th. Besides stamp offerings and illustrations this little house organ has something interesting in newsy sketches about stamps each issue.

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ditto	114-26	6.85
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ditto	157-71	5.75
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ditto	96-107	4.25
ditto	116-26	2.65
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Plate Block Collecting

By A. K. Grimmer

Popular Stamps has recently had some very fine contributions on the subject of Mint Plate Block collecting with explanation as to the cause for scarcity of certain Plate Blocks and or positions of certain Plate Blocks, all of which tend to promote an interest both to Plate Block addicts and prospective collectors.

This specialty in Philately has assumed very large proportions and increasing numbers of collectors are taking up this form of collecting. Proof of this is seen in dealers' advertisements which ask for Plate Blocks by the hundred and thousand.

One cannot help but wonder what creates the urge for this form of collecting and it is suggested that entirely aside from the financial phase that it is one phase in which the medium collector has the same opportunity as the collector with a large bank account, and in addition it introduces a crossword puzzle attitude in the effort to complete a pane.

Beside this the ardent Plate Block collector greatly enlarges his circle of "Pen" friends, who incidentally, are often able to assist in other lines of collecting in which he is interested.

For some years past Mint Plate Blocks have been a first objective, but of late it has occurred to me that used Plate Blocks are even more fascinating, nor does this appear to be as difficult as might be supposed unless one attempts to build up complete panes. My experience to date has been that some of the lower values complete panes are not too difficult but one can quite easily acquire a collection of plate blocks in which there is a used Plate Block back to the Royal Visit of 1939, and even through the earlier issues to the George V issues of 1912-25.

One good place to seek used Plate Blocks is in accumulation of First Day Covers. These are most desirable as they are usually very neatly cancelled and carry the First Day date. They can either be mounted as covers or be removed and mounted as Blocks.

The outstanding feature of collecting used Plate Block lies in the knowledge that they are very much scarcer than the Mint Blocks and it is confidently believed that as time passes the increment in value will be greater than with the Mint Blocks.

It therefore, seems that those who undertake this sideline will in the not too distant future be able to acquire a very valuable collection.

At present, quite a few collectors are known to be on the hunt for used Plate Blocks so it is again the old adage applies, viz, "the early bird catches the worm," especially in this case where the supply of "juicy worms" is to a considerable extent limited.

• WELCOME STAMP FINDS

Some years ago in the office where I work I found a junior clerk throwing out a bunch of stamped envelopes. Retrieveing them I found they were "returned" registered envelopes which could not be delivered, and about 25 of them were stamped with U.E.L. 10-centers.—F.G.B., Ont.

Editors Note:—Not bad at today's price of 50c each. Popular Stamps will pay $1.00 each for every "Welcome Stamp Find" printed. All contributions are to be the true experience of contributor. We particularly want items related to B.N.A.

Several years ago I was travelling through a little known part of Western Australia, uninhabited and wild, I came across an old humpy, (a rough shelter made of bark and boughs). The growth of vegetation inside indicated that it had not been used for many years. The only sign of a one time human occupation was a small pile of heavy brown paper, on examination this paper had once been used as parcel wrapping, there were three pieces and they had been folded so that the stamps were on the inside and had thus been protected from the elements, they were in fine shape and had come to no harm —they were three blocks of four stamps of the 1913, lake brown 6d, Kookaburra bird.—W.J.D.

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The Hollow Tree

By Ed. Richardson

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Yes we're back again,— and with good luck we'll be fairly regular. We've managed to cut down a bit on our extra-curricular activities, and it looks as if our work will not take us out of town quite so much. We're hoping this means more time for stamps. If so,—there should be many "Hollow Tree" packets to follow.

However, for the time being we cannot enter into correspondence about these items, unless where questions are asked and correspondence is invited. We're so far behind right now that the next hundred letters we write will have to be devoted to our unanswered backlog. Letters, suggestions and information gratefully received,—but we cannot promise a reply.

#185—$4.00 Quebec Assurance

Marks #Q119 is a toughie, along with its companions the $3.00 and $5.00 values. I consider these among some of the rarest of Canadian Revenues. Does anyone know how many were issued? Why are they so rare? The reason is simple. Two years after they were issued the law calling for this tax was declared invalid, and the stamps are redeemable by the Provincial Government at face. That was back in 1878. Three, four or five dollars was a lot of money in those days so consequently most of them were redeemed—including used copies.

The story is very similar to the War Savings Stamps of 1918—they too were redeemable,—and now look where the five dollar value is! Cat. $200. I doubt if there are a great many more of the high value Quebec Assurance stamps around than there are $5.00 War Savings stamps.

Oh yes, I started to tell you—I picked up a nice mint copy of the $4.00 in a recent auction. Keep your eyes open.

#186—Plate #13—3c Mauve—War

Most War Issues find the Lower Left plate blocks behaving quite normally,—with the large plate no. and control no. opposite the two bottom rows of stamps. Usually the plate no. is opposite the bottom row,—the control no. opposite the row above. Plate 14 is a variation—only "No." appears opposite the botom row "14—124" appears opposite the row above. But plate #13 really acts up. "No. 13" appears on the row above, and "1245" on the 3rd row from the bottom. So the margin opposite the bottom row is blank! Better get a plate block of 6 when you go after this no. and position.

#187—"King's Express Co."

Has anyone ever heard of a Canadian Express Co. known as "King's Express"? I have a single, horizontal coil stamp, imperf. by perf. 11. It is yellow-green on white wove paper, with a very distinct horizontal mesh. The design measures 22 x 28 mm. It is a simple design—no pictorial—just the words "Forwarded-by-King's Express Co." in four lines, worked into the design.

Any information about this item or company would be appreciated.

#188—Geo. VI Plate Blocks

One leg of my plate block collection finally is completed—the 1946—53 issues,—everything from the Peace issue on—except of course those OHMS and "G" blocks. The chase is wonderful. Seems as if there are many new converts to Canadian stamps via the interest in plates. I worry a bit about the speculation in them and hope it doesn't kill this interesting phase of Canadian philately. There are plenty of good sound reasons for this branch of stamp collecting—but making a pile of easy money isn't one of them!

#189—#C3 Counterfeit Surcharged Airmail

Recently acquired a most interest-

ing group of airmail items. The lot included (1) pair, one not surcharged (2) inverted surcharged (3) double surcharge and (4) triple surcharge, all varieties of #C3. Only $660.00 cat. value!

Everyone of them is supposedly a fake,—but a beautiful job of faking, nevertheless. There's a lot to their history that I don't know, but they make a most interesting new page in my airmail collection. These are apparently the forgeries mentioned in Popular Stamps, July-August 1949.

Every item is complete with two "faked" guarantee marks of two well known airmail dealer specialists!

#190—Revenue Proofs

A nice lot of Canadian Revenue Proofs have been coming out on the market thru one of the New York City auction houses during this past year. A recent sale contained no less than 93 different proofs, broken into 22 lots. For those who like to dress up their revenue collections, or for those who collect proofs exclusively,—it's a great opportunity to obtain some needed material.

Managed to get 22 of those 93 proofs for myself. I like 'em!

#191—July 1st 1931 Air Rate Charges

On July 1, 1931 the airmail rate was raised from 5c to 6c, yet no provision was made for a 6c air stamp.

It was not until nearly 8 months later, on Feb. 22, 1932 that the Provisional 6c Surcharge on the first Canadian airmail was issued. This is #C3. Consequently airmail letters bearing the 5c air during this period, also needed a 1c stamp to make up the rate.

No Canadian postal history collection would be complete without covers so franked during this period. One of the best sources is to look over First Flight Covers of the Vancouver-Victoria flights of August 1, 1931.

#192—Perf. 12½

Well definitely we can prove that the 3c small Queen isn't the only Canadian stamp to come in the 12½ ga. perf. No we haven't discovered it on the other Small Queens values, —but on Tobacco Tax Paids! At least four issues were perforated on this machine—all issues of 1867! The ones so noted are as follows (all are typographed on watermarked laid paper):-

(1) Cigar-Customs Stamp — Square type.

(2) Large Manufactured Tobacco —Square type.

(3) Large Manufactured Tobacco —Diamond type.

(4) Large Manufactured Tobacco —Customs—Square type.

However, so far I have found no tobacco stamps, contemporary with the 3c Small Queen, as having this gauge perforation.

QUICKER BUT DEARER

Dear Mr. McCready:—

I had occasion to write a letter to a party in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, which I sent air mail Sept. 7, 1953. It was received on the 10th and was answered on the 11th of Sept. and sent by surface mail. I received it one month and ten days later, the 21st of October. Following the date stamp of Sept. 11th is a boxed slogan cancellation, "IT IS QUICKER/TO TELEPHONE".

I can only conclude that the telephone is probably state owned and the cancellation struck me as being humorous and prophetic, seeing that I had to wait so long for a reply to my letter.—J.A.P., Ont.

MAYBE AN ORPHAN

The Editor Popular Stamps,
Cobden, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Recently I came across a lower left plate 2 corner block of the 4c purple definitive Queen with a definite scratch running from the right hand crown, of the lower left stamp of the block, at an angle of about 20 degrees for about a ¼ inch and then reversing its direction and ending in the perforation hole under the "P" of Postage in the stamp immediately above it.

The line seems to be the same weight or strength throughout and there is no feathering, which I think would indicate a crack in the plate, so I would be inclined to think it is a scratch, especially considering the right angled change of direction.

Would like to know of any other copies. It is not on any other L.R. of Plate 2 that I have seen.—G. H. Moxham, 2702—14th St. N.W., Calgary.

SALABILITY

Assume a Canadian collector has formed an excellent classic, specialized collection of a foreign country, replete with collateral material such as pre-stamp covers, proofs, etc. Further, assume that he has paid a fair market price for this over a period of years and that he eventually decides to dispose of the collection. Not having collected with an eye to investment he is somewhat uncertain who to consult but finally offers it to the nearest dealer handling any foreign. Suppose he has put $2,000.00 into this collection and that it is a lot composed of Prussia. With a great degree of certainty he will elicit one of the following reactions:

1. "It is an exceptional collection but I have no sure sale for it. I would be interested in taking it on commission." In most cases this results in the property being out of circulation for months and usually not sold.

2. "I would be willing to pay $——— (an exceptionally low price) for it." This offer may result from the dealer recognizing a fine property and making an offer on which he feels he cannot lose, but which bears no relation to the true value.

3. "It is an attractive lot but there is no market for Prussia. (There is a very strong market). And many of these are undoubtedly forgeries (Prussia has not been counterfeited to any degree), etc." There are unfortunately many other variations of this theme.

Thus it is not hard to understand why foreign stamps are not generally considered to represent a salable asset IN THIS COUNTRY. A good percentage of the more advanced Canadian collectors have a decided interest in collecting some outside group but are understandibly deterred by the great difficulty in selling their property. It is certain that this difficulty exists but it is also certain that it need not. A good classic foreign collection of ANY COUTRY may be sold so as to yield a figure close to its value by the following methods:

1. OFFERING IT privately or by auction IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN of the stamps. This assumes that the country has an advanced culture. For example it would not be recommended to offer a collection of Timor in Timor but to do so in Lisbon or in a centre where there is a great interest in Portugese colonies. Stamps almost

invariably bring a higher price in their own country.

2. If the country of origin does not have exportable currency (hard currency) consult a dealer with connections in that country.

3. OFFERING TO A DEALER WITH A SPECIALIZED CLIENTELE who are willing and able to pay what the material is actually worth.

Now, I certainly agree that not many collectors have the connections or the time to sell a property by these methods. To them I can offer the following advantages when I make an offer on a collection:

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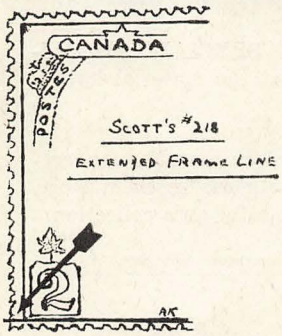
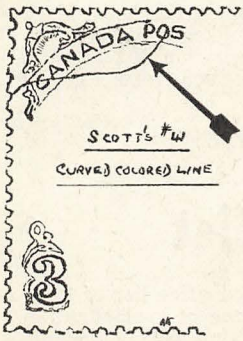


Sketch 340—Canada. Scott's 218 the 2c of 1935 with extended frame line at lower left. Sent us by K. R. Pardy.



Sketch 341—Canada. Scott's 41 the 3c vermillion with freak sloping line from postage to frame. Sent us by Ross Irwin.

T.S.C.C. NOTES

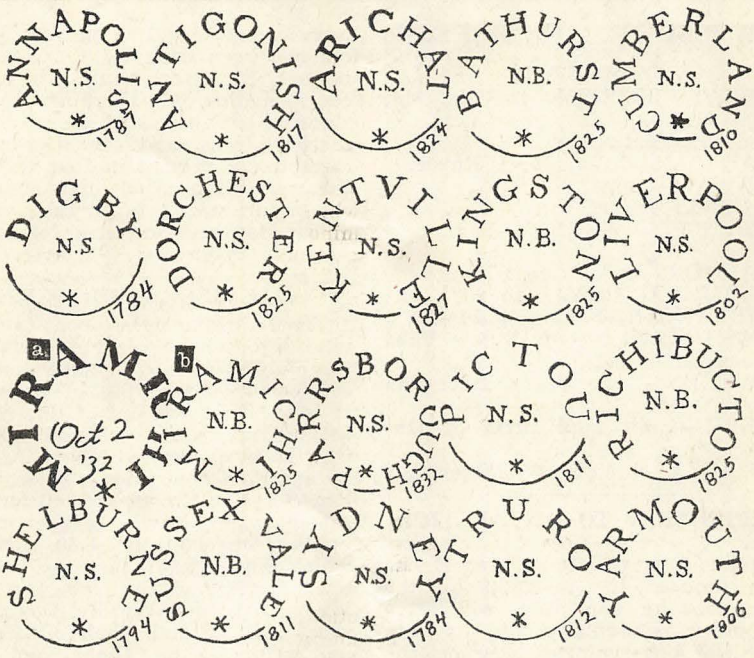
The November 5th meeting of the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club was well attended when the lots for its Annual fall catalogue auction were on view. An innovation in the usual programme was tried out and proved interesting and brought forth many favorably comments. This took the form of talks by three members on their favorite country whose stamps they collected outside the general run of B.N.A. as A. H. Hinrichs, on the first two issues of India; T. C. Berkely, on Great Britain, Falkland Islands and United States; Arnold Banfield on the 10c Prince Consort of the 1859 Issue. He called his talk "Confusion to Chaos." He said that in his study of this stamp he found many things which were at variance with the findings of other students which put him a confused state of mind. He hoped in time his future research would solve the mystery.

The largest and best auction of the club was held in private dining room No. 7 at the Royal York Hotel on Thursday evening, November 19th with a crowded floor. There were 137 mail bidders which made active bidding with good prices. Walter S. Bayley, A. E. Edwards and R. J. Woolley acted as auctioneers. Sales exceeded $2,500. About sixty per cent of the lots went to mail buyers"

LETTER TO EDITOR

Having an interest in Canadian stamp designs, I am at a loss to know why the Hydraulic Lift Lock has not been used for a design on a Canadian postage stamp. Perhaps it is not generally known that the Locks at Peterborough, Ontario, is one of the Seven Wonders of the world. Canada has two of these wonders, the Niagara Falls and the Lift Locks of Peterborough. We have had Niagara Falls used as a design on Scott's 225 20c stamp but why the Lift Locks as a stamp design has not been brought to the attention of the Postal authorities or been mentioned by Canadian Collectors seems an oversight. I, for one, would like to suggest that it could be a favorable subject. During the tourist season thousands visit these Locks and are impressed with the marvel of it, being the largest of its kind in the world. I have no doubt it would be popular for use on a stamp with anyone interested in Good Canadian Stamp designs.—H. D. Barton.

Stamp Dealer's monthly made its initial bow in November out of Rose Valley, Sask., with Chester Redel, publisher, and Gustav Hagen, editor. It solicits wholesalers ads and subscriptions from retail dealers and its progress will be followed with interest.



EARLY N.B.-N.S. POSTMARKS

By Frank W. Campbell
1132 Pinehurst, Royal Oak, Mich.

For many years I compiled data toward finding when each postmark style started. I also started collecting a cover or tracing of each item in the smaller groups. The group here illustrated has no official starting date I can locate, 1835 being the earliest copy known. I would appreciate earlier dates or other places being made known to me.

I had a list of other places that possibly had this style, but in many years only one of my "possibilities" was achieved, when the late F. A. Crawley of North Sydney added Arichat to my list.

Collectors who saw my covers at CAPEX were surprised at the variety, and wondered where I got so many. I bought heavily in past years, and added tracings from the pen of Lt.-Col. Weatherbie and the late Dr. James Goodwin. Tracings from three public archives also helped in items not known in collections.

The size is slightly reduced in the picture here, the Miramichi "a" being reduced about ⅛ inch herewith for comparison. This Miramichi may have been a woodcut, as copies are so smudged. The "b" style is also noted for its almost illegible strikes. This place changed to Chatham in 1842.

Cumberland changed to Amherst in 1841.

Dorchester was in N.S. until 1859 when the provincial boundaries were finally adjusted.

Parrsborough copies were so poor that several had to be located before it was decided a star should be at bottom, and whether it was spelled Parrsboro'.

Kingston is the one in Kings county (now Royal). One in Kent was established in 1850, and disappears in lists shortly after 1900:

Dates of opening of each office by records in scattered places are noted under each item. Earlier dates, if known, will be accepted.

I desire data on another problem. A ship letter postmark in a double oval with crown in center exists for some Canada port. It has "Ship Lre" at top very clearly, but five copies have bottom absolutely unreadable. It you have this postmark I'd appreciate a tracing—my copies are dated 1817.

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The expedition is being organized by the Antarctic Division of the Department of External Affairs, to whom all enquiries about the project should be addressed, and will be the best equipped expedition ever to sail into antarctic waters. The expedition will travel in the Danish motor ship Kista Dan, a 1000 ton vessel specially designed for navigation in pack ice, and will set up a base between Kemp Land and Princess Elizabeth Land.

A scientific and meteorological station will be established and intensive air and land surveys will be carried out to determine the mineral resources of Antarctica. A special search will be made for deposits of uranium and other rare minerals.

Postal facilities available from this base are expected to be patterned on the lines of the services available from base camp post offices now established on Heard and Macquarie Islands. Collectors who secured souvenir covers from these Antarctic Island outposts are now preparing to dispatch covers to the mainland base for servicing and transmission back to Australia later in the year.

Special covers and postcards have been prepared to commemorate the occasion and a set of souvenir stickers has been designed for collectors to use in association with special covers and cards. There are four designs in the series, all based on Antarctic themes, and the stickers are attractively printed in four different colours. Many Australian collectors are buying mint sets for their albums as well as securing sets for use on souvenir covers.

OAKVILLE CLUB NEWS

The following news about the Oakville Philatelic Society reports that the club is having a competition and exhibition on the 15th of December. It is the first attempt of this nature, at any rate in the club as it now exists. It is expected to have between 20 and 25 frames, and will be in the Kindergarten room of Brantwood school, where it will be open to the public from 4.30 to 8.30 p.m. at which time (8.30) there will be an open meeting of the club. The judging is to be done by Mr. Doug. Patrick, (CBC Stamp Club of the Air, and writer of the Globe and Mail Stamp Column) and the meeting on the night of the exhibition will be entirely taken over by the C.P.S. Executive, Mr. Lameroux, Mr. Fred Green and Mr. C. Woodhead, who will also present the prizes. (The club is Chapter 8 of C.P.S.). Excellent prizes for the competition, as well as a large number of door prizes are offered.

While the club is small (18 members) there is an average turnout of 13 at all meetings which are held on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, in the basement of Lusk Hall, St. John's United Church, at 8.30 p. m., in Oakville, Ontario.

AMONG NEW BOOKS

"Practical Philately", by R. J. Sutton, with Hutchinson's Scientific and Technical Publications, Stratford Place, W. 1, London, England, publishers. Price 15 shillings. Clothbound running to 216 pages, it treats of philately as distinct from the mere recreation of stamp collecting. All technical information is given in a most readable manner readily understood from novice to expert. It shows the hobby as something more than a mere collector's whim and points the way to an instructive and entertaining world all its own.

Christmas B.N.A.

For the December offering I am listing a few assorted items from different components of the B.N.A. group. In this list you will see some numbers that rarely occur in advertised lots, as they seldom appear in large enough quantities to justify advertising. Get your order in early while they last. The prices are again below the market.

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RAMBLING GOSSIP

By Mufti

To a great extent most of us follow the results of the large auction stamp sales. Some days ago I read in the overseas press about the final disposal of a library collection of the late Sir L. Harmsworth to be held on Dec. 5th and was surprised to see that since March of 1939 the sales to date have totalled over $605,000 a tremendous figure for one property.

Writing in Stamp Collecting of London "F B" tells us that plates 3 and 4 of our Coronation issue seem scarce in Great Britain. It would seem that there was no shortage of those plates here. In the same London weekly reference is made in the issue of Sept. 18 to the Australian coils which were made up in sheets and not generally distributed. I have just received these in blocks, they show a smaller perf vertically than horizontally. "Fyndem" says they may be very good in a year or so. For many years I have made note of tips given us by "Fyndem" and they have always proved sound, if you follow his remarks about Canadian moderns and their scarcity you won't go far wrong.

Re the reprinting of Perlis and Dominica Coronations it is understood there will not be a flood supply, but only sufficient to cover original shortages. It is also reported that the Queen Coronation of Muscat used are scarce.

It seems to me that the new Commonwealth Catalog is a most valuable acquisition for any collector of George 6th and new Queen Elizabeth issues. It now included for Canada, quantities of the various printings since 1937, this in itself will give the publication a big boost here. Furthermore in all Br Empire and Commonwealth listings quarter perforations are given which is a great help to all serious collectors. Say what you like but how can one separate stamps quoted at 11½x11½ when their true perfs are 11¼x11½, the same applies to all three quarter perf readings and where there is such a difference in price the true perforation is worth knowing. In my estimation the Commonwealth will become one of the most popular catalog publications issued.

An old friend of mine from the British Isles who travels our country annually from coast to coast always spends a week end with me when he can catch me at home. He was with me a few week ago and mentioned he had invested $1000 in our 50c and dollar issues since 1912 and had one block of Edwards, that in his accumulation he had several mint blocks of each issue, together with several

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plate blocks which included the Blue Nose, Parliament dollar, the Grand Pre and Cavell. We were discussing the present profit on his investment most of which had been bought at face with the exception of the Edward 50c block which he acquired many years ago for ten dollars. If you run through the catalog you will be surprised at the present prices the $1000 investment means to him. He also collects used Canada and the stamps of Great Britain and is a booster of our Canadian stamps.

A welcome article in the November issue of "P.S." by Mr. A. K. Grimmer on the subject of separation of Canada small Queens will surely be most acceptable to many collectors of these interesting stamps.

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252	22	9.00	2.50	1.25	1.75
254	2	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
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